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**Sent:** Thur 3/27/2014 8:55:57 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Upper Animas

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Thank you Richard. Appreciate the info.

Let's try to connect next week.

Nathan

**From:** Sisk, Richard [mailto:Sisk.Richard@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 27, 2014 11:18 AM  
**To:** Nathan M. Longenecker  
**Subject:** Upper Animas

Nathan – Thought I would send you an e-mail since we can't seem to catch each other on the phone. Just an update.

The San Juan County Commissioners have posed a number of questions to EPA and has requested that EPA folks come down and speak to them in a work session. As a result, I believe Martin Hestmark is going down to meet with the Commissioners on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Not sure who else from EPA will be with Martin. Below are the questions the Commissioners posed to EPA.

EPA does not intend to provide any answers or responses in writing to these questions. Instead, our plan is to just have a discussion with the Commissioners at this meeting.

I am leaving early today, right after I send this e-mail and I am out tomorrow but back in on Monday. Let me know if you have any questions.

**From:** William Tookey [mailto:sanjuancounty@frontier.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 27, 2014 9:08 AM  
**To:** Way, Steven  
**Subject:** Re: EPA work on Red and Bonita and related projects

Hi Steve,

Whatever date works best for you is fine. If March doesn't work (12th or 26th), our daytime meeting in April is on the 9th and the evening meeting is on the 23rd.

I think the last Stakeholders meeting provided the Commissioners with a lot of good information.

I expect that some of the items the Commissioners would like to discuss would include:

What would be the role of the Commissioners if it is decided to seek Superfund designation?

If there were a superfund designation when could the cleanup work proceed?

Does the EPA have a preferred solution for cleaning up the site?

If not, what process would be used for making that determination and what role would the Stakeholders have in the process?

If Sunnyside was involved in litigation would the cleanup proceed or would it be halted until the litigation was completed?

If available, an update on the status of the Sunnyside/EPA liability issue.

From comments made at the Stakeholders meeting one could conclude that with a bulkhead in the Red and Bonita and the development of a designed wetlands might provide the necessary cleanup for the Animas without superfund designation. Is that a correct assumption? What would be the timeframe and process for completing the bulkhead and wetlands? Where is the funding coming from and when would we know if it was successful? If it doesn't work what is plan B?

I believe the Commissioners are in a place where they really want to see something happening.

I think ultimately what the Commissioners want to know is where are we going, how are we going to get there, how long will it take, how much will it cost, who is going to pay for it and if we don't like where we are when we get there then what do we do.

Just some simple basic questions of which I'm confident you will have all the answers.

If you have any questions please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Thanks,

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